

Richmond Tri-Cities Local Human Rights Committee Minutes March 15, 2011

Hosted by: Beetween the T's

Committee Members Present: Tarah Comer, Jimmy Christmas, Dona Edmondson, Veronica Harper

Members Absent: Simone Mitchell

Affiliates Present: Acclaim Care: Tiffany Hollingsworth, Tina Higginbotnam; Alternative Counseling Group: Michael A Thomas; Samuel Northington Jr.; Beetween the T's: Thomila Wilson; Changing Fazes: Ebony Keys; Edgewood Group Family Services: Travis Crocker; Faith & Family Advocates: Wayne Whittle; Family Impact: Tarnisha Carter; Family Transitions: Franko Britt; Good Neighbor Homes: Matthew Marek; Halo Inc.: Terri Harrison; Hope Unity & Freedom: Jerry Pain; Randy Wilson; Life Construction: Eunice Gilchrist; Lumzy's Residential Services: Earnie Lumzy, Laverne Lumzy, Brianne Jones; Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services: Deninez Moss; Open Arms Family Services: Aisha Lewis; Safe Haven Day Support Services: Adeola Adeyemi, Tai Bamsile; Solace Health Care Group, Inc.: John Redd; Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.: Eugene Simon; Taylor's Enhanced Living: Gregory Relaford; Transitional Adult Residential Services: Myra Buie, Linda Davis; Wilkerson's Consulting Services: Thomas Chase; Youth Pathway, LLC: Hannibal Tuck

Affiliates Absent: Community Connections

Others Present: Michael Curseen, Region-IV Human Rights Manager

- I. Welcome/Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Tarah Comer
- II. Introductions:** LHRC Members and Affiliate Providers provided introduction of name
- III. Public Comment:** Mr. Travis Crocker, Edgewood Group Family Services provided information regarding a meeting of community based providers to discuss the Virginia budget and the effect on the DMAS budget. Meeting location is 1502 Brook Road at 9:00 AM.
- IV. Approval of Minutes January 18, 2011.** The minutes from the January 18, 2011 amended to add change the attendance for Save Haven to Safe Haven. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2011 LHRC meeting with the above correction.
- V. Old Business:** None

VI. New Business

- 1. Review of Request for Reinstatement of Affiliation RE: Acclaim Care.** The Committee reviewed a letter from Ms. Jean Hill of Acclaim Care, which included a corrective action plan to address attendance policy. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the reinstatement of affiliation for Acclaim Care.
- 2. Review of Request for Reinstatement of Affiliation RE: Community Connections.** Due to the absence of Community Connections, this item was deferred to the May 17, 2011 LHRC meeting.
- 3. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) RE: Hope, Unity and Freedom for the provision of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Community Based Program at 2701 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA** – The Committee approved this request for affiliation (program expansion).
- 4. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) RE: Good Neighbor Homes / (Residential Services currently operated by Hanover County CSB) located at the following locations: 1) 7082 Adaline Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111; 2) 10431 Rapidan Way, Ashland, VA 23005; 3) 15946 St. Peter's Church Road, Montpelier, VA.** A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the request for affiliation for program expansion for Good Neighbor Homes residential services locations at 7082 Adaline Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111; 10431 Rapidan Way, Ashland, VA 23005; and 15946 St. Peter's Church Road, Montpelier, VA.
- 5. Request for Affiliation (Program Expansion) RE: Family Transitions, Inc. for the provision of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services in Chesterfield, VA located at 185 Belt Blvd. in Richmond, VA** – The Committee approved this request for affiliation (program expansion).
- 6. Human Rights Policies and Procedures Review RE: Family Transitions, Inc. / Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services.** The Committee accepted the human rights policies and procedures with specified corrections which are to be submitted to Mr. Curseen.
- 7. Implementation of Recent SHRC Decisions RE: LHRC Structure**

Provider Attendance at LHRC meetings: The Committee decided to reduce the number of required meetings per year from six to three.

Scheduled Number of LHRC meetings: The LHRC agreed to continue to hold six meetings per year in **July, September, November, January, March and May.**

Provider Support of the LHRC: The providers were divided into two groups.

Group A consists of: 1) Acclaim Care, Inc.; 2) Alternative Counseling Group; 3) Beetween the T's; 4) Changing Fazes; 5) Community Connections; 6) Edgewood Group and Family Services; 7) Faith & Family Advocates; 8) Family Impact; 9) Family Transitions; 10) Good Neighbor Homes; 11) HALO Inc.; and 12) Hope, Unity & Freedom.

The host provider will be responsible for sending the agenda and minutes to the LHRC. Provider hosts will be responsible for receiving quarterly reports from Group A providers and submitting quarterly reports to the LHRC. Provider hosts for Group A LHRC meetings and for recording and submitting minutes for approval are as follows:

September 20, 2011 – Hope, Unity & Freedom;

January 17, 2012 – Acclaim Care;

May 15, 2012 – Changing Fazes

Quarterly Reports: Providers from Groups A & B are required to submit quarterly reports to the LHRC two weeks in advance of the scheduled meetings.

Group B consists of: 1) Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.; 2) Solace Health Care Group, Inc.; 3) Safe Haven Inc.; 4) Renewing Family Services, Inc.; 5) Open Arms Family Services; 6) Mercy ‘N’ Grace Residential Services; 7) Lumzy’s Residential Services; 8) Life Construction; 9) Taylor’s Enhanced Living; 10) Transitional Adult Residential Care; 11) Wilkerson’s Consulting Services; and 12) Youth Pathway, LLC.

The host provider will be responsible for sending the agenda and minutes to the LHRC. Provider hosts will be responsible for receiving quarterly reports from Group B providers and submitting quarterly reports to the LHRC. Provider hosts for LHRC meetings and recording and submitting minutes for approval are as follows:

July 19, 2011 – Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc;

November 15, 2011 – Solace Healthcare Group;

March 20, 2012 – Safe Haven, Inc;

July 17, 2012 – Renewing Family Services;

November 20, 2012 – Open Arms Family Services.

LHRC Meetings for Group B will be arranged by the provider responsible for hosting the meeting.

Quarterly Reports: Providers from Groups A & B are required to submit quarterly reports to the LHRC two weeks in advance of the scheduled meetings.

8. **Crisis Wave Revised Training – Provider Updates: Life Construction.** Life Construction provided an update regarding completion of Crisis Wave Revised Training for all of their staff.

VII. Review of Attendance – 23 of 24 affiliates were in attendance. Community Connections was absent. Community Connections also absent for the January 18, 2011 LHRC meeting.

VIII. Human Rights Activities Reporting –

Acclaim Care, Alternative Counseling Group; Beetween the T's; Changing Fazes; Edgewood Group Family Services; Faith & Family Advocates; Family Impact; Family Transitions; Good Neighbor Homes; Halo, Inc.; Hope, Unity & Freedom; Life Construction; Lumzy's Residential Services; Mercy 'N' Grace Residential Services, Inc.; Open Arms Family Services; Renewing Family Services, LLC; Safe Haven Inc.; Solace Health Care Group, Inc.; Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Inc.; Taylor's Enhanced Living; Transitional Adult Residential Care; and Wilkerson Consulting Services and Youth Pathway, LLC provided human rights activities reports. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the human rights activities reports.

IX. Office of Human Rights Comments – Mr. Curseen presented and discussed materials concerning **1)** Final Revision of the Choice Protocol and the Virginia Intellectual Disabilities Medicaid Waiver and **2)** Presented instructions to affiliates for addressing the Implementation of Recent SHRC Decisions RE: LHRC Structure with the RTC LHRC and affiliates present.

X. Next Meeting Scheduled: May 17, 2011 / Hosted by: Good Neighbor Homes

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.